

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

A telephonic interview was conducted on September 18, 2009. In attendance were Examiner Debora Crouch, Examiner Wu Cheng Winston Shen, Liz Bui and Jerry Hefner.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 76-88 and new claim 89 were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 7,326,572 (Fisk et al.).

Proposed Amendments

The Examiners suggested amending independent claim 76 to replace the phrase "Wnt-pathway activator" with the phrase "Wnt family member." Examiner Crouch also suggested that claim 76 be clarified by specifically indicating that the method is "an in vitro" method and the pluripotent human cells are "pluripotent human stem cells." Finally, removing the phrase "in increasing concentrations" from claim 84 and introducing it into new dependent claim 89 was discussed.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

The enablement and novelty issues presented in the final office action were discussed.

Results of Interview

In view of the proposed claim amendments, remarks made in prior-filed responses and remarks made during the interview, the Examiners agreed to withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).